

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

21 December 2005

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were:

Francis Connor, DDS Michael Rubinstein, DDS

Andrew Molak, DMD Joseph Box, DMD

Richard Glick, DDS Kathleen Gazzola, RDH

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi Bernard Manchester

Linda Rusack, RDH

Staff members in attendance were:

Charles Alexandre, Chief

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

David Gifford, MD, Director of Health

Others in attendance were:

Dr. Robin Lawrence

Board members not in attendance:

Henry Levin, DMD

Virginia Paine

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 16 NOVEMBER 2005 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Rubinstein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Dental Licensing Sub-Committee:

Dr. Glick reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure had reviewed the

Applications and credentials of the following candidates and recommends them for licensure :

Mohamed A. Hegazi, DMD * National Board & NERB 2001

Tufts Dental School 2001 Licensed in MA

***AADE & NPDB forms**

Theresa Huh, DMD* National Board & NERB 2004

Boston Univ. 2004 Licensed in MA

***AADE & NPDB forms**

William J. Siemiaszko, DDS* National Board & NERB 1970

SUNY at Buffalo 1970 Licensed CT & MA

***AADE form**

***Pending AADE & NPDB**

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Upon motion of Dr. Molak,, seconded by Dr. Rubinstein,, it was Voted by the Board to issue the aforementioned individuals licenses to practice dentistry in Rhode Island.

Dental Hygiene Licensing Sub-Committee:

Mrs. .Gazzola reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure had reviewed the application and credentials of the following candidate who had applied for licensure:

**Cara E. Hunt, RDH National Boards & NERB 2003
Comm. College of RI 2003 Licensed in CT**

Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Rubinstein, it was Voted by the Board to issue the aforementioned individual a license to practice dental hygiene in Rhode Island. Mrs. Gazzola recused herself from this vote.

At this time the Board reviewed the recent amendments to the

proposed Rules and Regulations. After review, the Board approved the Rules and Regulations as amended. The Administrator will advise Elizabeth Shelov to schedule the Public Hearing.

Dr. Connor advised that he will represent the Board at the ADEX House of Representatives Meeting in March 2006.

Dr. Box presented the Board with highlights from the New Hampshire Conference he attended. The subject matter of the conference was “Critical Issues in Dentistry”.

Mrs. Gazzola announced the Board’s annual holiday get-together will be held on January 7, 2006 at Pinelli’s North End.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 18 January 2005.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Connor, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 9:06 a.m

Dr. Lawrence and Ms. Donnelly recused themselves from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:20 a.m.

At this time, Dr. Lawrence and Ms. Donnelly returned to the open meeting.

Decisions Ratified in Closed Session

Dr. Connor requested that any decisions ratified during the “Closed Executive Session” be made public for the record, as well as, any business discussed which should be disclosed in the “Open Meeting.

There were no decisions ratified during closed session nor other business to be disclosed.

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Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 16 November 2005 meeting pursuant to

Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Mrs. Gazzola, seconded by Dr.Glick, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

At this time, the Chairman introduced Dr. Gifford to the Board. Dr. Gifford addressed the Board and an open type forum was conducted. The Board discussed the following topics with the Director: concerns regarding access to dental care, the PG1 Pathway to licensure, and continuing education. The Director advised that the access to dental care issue is actually a budgetary matter. He commended the Board for being pro-active in its opposition of the PG1 Pathway to Licensure and encouraged the Board to continue its efforts to this end. The Director also addressed the issue of continuing education and expressed his opinion that CEU's are not necessarily a reliable measure of a practitioner's competency and audits are not been conducted for any of the professional boards due to the lack of personnel resources. Although the Board members agreed, it was of the opinion that audits should be conducted in that continuing education is mandated and a requirement for licensure.

Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Mr. Manchester, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Connor, DDS , Chairman
RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry